

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1- 38.

39. (Original) A platter for use in an oven, the platter comprising one or more apertures at substantially the edge of the platter, said one or more apertures passing through the thickness of the platter.

40. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 39, having a central region that is substantially devoid of apertures.

41. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 40, wherein the said one or more apertures are positioned at the edge of the platter and are open-sided.

42. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 41, wherein the upper surface of the platter comprises a plurality of vertically-extending members.

43. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 42, wherein the vertically-extending members are in the form of ridges.

44. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 5~~ Claim 43, wherein the said ridges are parallel.

45. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 44, wherein the said ridges extend over substantially the entire width of the platter.

46. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 42, wherein the underside of the platter is substantially flat.

47. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 41, further comprising one or more raised edge members around the perimeter of the platter for retaining food debris in use.

48. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 9~~ Claim 47, comprising one or more raised edge members around the perimeter of both the upper surface and the underside of the platter.

49. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 39, further comprising means for attaching a handle.

50. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 39, further comprising a handle.

51. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 39, made of a polymer material.

52. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 13~~ Claim 51, wherein the polymer material is a liquid crystal polymer resin reinforced with glass.

53. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 52, made of DuPont (RTM) Zenite (RTM) 7130.

54. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 39, for use in a forced air / microwave combination oven.

55. (Original) A platter having a first major surface and a second major surface, the surface area of the first major surface being greater than that of the second major surface so as to concentrate heat flux from the first major surface to the second major surface in use.

56. (Currently Amended) A platter as claimed in ~~Claim 17~~ Claim 55, wherein the first major surface is ridged or convoluted and the second major surface is substantially flat.

57. (Currently Amended) An oven having a platter as claimed in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 39.

58. (Currently Amended) A method of cooking using an oven having a platter as claimed in ~~Claim 1~~ Claim 39.